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Younger given boot

SCANDAL

Premier kicks Dartmouth East MLA out of cabinet, Liberal caucus

Nova Scotia's environment minister was shown the door on Thursday amid revelations that he didn't show up to testify at a trial for a woman who was accused of assaulting him.

Premier Stephen McNeil announced in a late-night news conference that Andrew Younger was relieved of his cabinet duties and was also kicked out of the governing Liberal caucus.

McNeil says Younger did not provide accurate information surrounding his decision to not testify at the trial because of a law that states sitting members of the legislature cannot be called to testify in civil and criminal matters without being asked to waive the exemption.

"There's a level of trust, if your em-

ployer was asking questions, they would expect you to give forthright (answers)," McNeil said Thursday.

"Unfortunately that wasn't the case," McNeil said he didn't personally speak to Younger about his dismissal, saying the news came from staff.

Younger spent almost 50 minutes earlier in the day answering reporters' questions about his failure to appear in provincial court Wednesday for the matter involving Tara Gault, who is a former Liberal staff member.

He insisted he was not trying to avoid testifying in the case, which the judge dismissed after denying the prosecution's request for an adjournment to address the issue of the exemption.

Gault pleaded not guilty to the charge stemming from an alleged assault on or about Oct. 22, 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Andrew Younger
THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP forensic investigators photograph the scene of a morning shooting on Merrimac Drive in Cole Harbour on Thursday.



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Thirst to make a difference

HUMANITARIAN

Bedford teen recognized for water-cleaning initiative



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Rachel Brouwer is proof positive that you don't have to be a grown-up to be a ground-breaker.

The 13-year-old from Bedford was honoured Thursday by the Halifax Mooseheads as a young community hero, for coming up with an inventive filtration system she hopes will soon be used to provide clean water in developing countries.

"I started this project when I was 11," Rachel said Thursday afternoon, after meeting the local major junior hockey players, receiving some green and red swag, and touring their dressing room at rink level inside the Scotiabank Centre.

"I was hiking in New Hampshire with my family, and we saw the lakes and the rivers, but then we saw the 'contaminated; do not drink' signs," Rachel recalled.

+ RACHEL'S PAGE

Check out Rachel's GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f36tvjjs to support her water pasteurization patent.



Rachel Brouwer, centre, meets the Halifax Mooseheads in their locker room at the Scotiabank Centre on Thursday. The team will honour Brouwer at their Nov. 14 home game for her work in designing a water filtration system for developing countries.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

"At the same time I was reading the I Am Malala book," she said. "In that book many girls and women are dying from the cholera outbreak, so I kind of put these two ideas together and it sparked me to make a difference."

The Bedford Academy student started researching water purification techniques, starting with a simple "cotton and charcoal filter," which she quickly realized wouldn't get rid of bacteria.

So she kept trying, through "a lot of trial and error and just testing," eventually coming up with a unique design that uses both solar pasteurization and UV radiation to completely kill bacteria such as E. coli.

"I just started researching these more and more, and seeing how I could apply them to these countries in a cost-efficient

way," Rachel explained.

Although her original prototype is made of plumbing materials, the product will be developed using every day materials that are more accessible in developing countries, such as two-litre water bottles. "It will be food safe material," she said.

Rachel's now raising cash to

patent the key to her special water purification system, an indicator made of soybean wax that changes colours when the water heats up and becomes safe to drink. Plans are also in the works to have her product tested in both Kenya and Uganda.

"I've had people telling me that I should keep going with it," Rachel said of her project receiving both local and national attention, including top marks at the Halifax Sci-Tech

+ LOCAL LEADERS

The Scotiabank Young Community Heroes program is a new Halifax Mooseheads initiative introduced this season. Nominate a young person inspiring others by emailing Jamie McGinnis at jamie@halifaxmooseheads.ca.

Expo, Lobster Pit Pitch Competition held by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development and the Canada-Wide Science Fair, among other honours.

"I have a personal drive that wants to make it," Rachel said, adding her career aspirations have changed from paediatrician to doctor to environmental engineer.

"I'm not sure," she said. "Just something that I can do to design different systems and products that can help other people."

"She loves helping others and puts it all together," added proud mom Pam Publicover-Brouwer.

While her innovative ideas have garnered plenty of attention, Rachel herself will be in the spotlight next Saturday night, when the Halifax Mooseheads recognize her during their evening home game against the Saint John Sea Dogs on Nov. 14. It will be the young environmental entrepreneur's first-ever live hockey game.

"I'm very, very excited for my first time," she said with a grin, wearing her brand new Halifax Mooseheads jersey.



She loves helping others and puts it all together.

Pam Publicover-Brouwer

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Video details how accused disposed of girlfriend's body

COURT

Reita Jordan's final moments outlined in emotional tape



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The jury at Paul Calnen's murder trial saw two very different videotaped statements from the accused Thursday.

Calnen, 52, is accused of second-degree murder in the 2013 killing of his girlfriend, Reita Jordan, 34. Calnen pleaded guilty to a second charge of indecently interfering with human remains — in this case, burning them. Jordan's body has never been found.

In the first video shown to the jury, Calnen — interviewed by Det.-Const. Paul Trider at the Tantallon RCMP detachment in April — repeatedly denied knowing anything about Jordan's disappearance, or her whereabouts.

By June, the investigation had turned from a missing persons file to a homicide.

Calnen was arrested June 17, 2013, and on Thursday, the jury was shown a video of an interview with him conducted the next day.

At the start of the video,



Paul Calnen outside of court at his trial this week at the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the victim's mother, Donna Jordan, walks into the room with Calnen and Cpl. Jason Hurley. Calnen immediately starts crying, and he and Jordan embrace.

For more than half an hour, Hurley and Jordan pleaded with Calnen to tell them where Reita Jordan's body is. He cries throughout. Jordan tells him he's a good man, she

knows whatever happened was an accident, and that she's forgiven him.

Eventually, Calnen breaks. "Her ashes are in the lake down Sherbrooke," he said.

Calnen had a camp in that area, where he and Jordan used to spend time together.

He said he came home from work March 18 and found Jordan's bags packed, ready

to leave him.

From there, the couple got in a fight, and Calnen said Jordan was kicking his things, and threw a pop bottle at him. He said he tried to get away from her.

Calnen said Jordan's back was to the set of stairs at his front door, and as he tried to walk by her, she swung at him. He said he ducked,

and her momentum took her down the stairs.

He said he got to the bottom, and she was dead.

Calnen said he then put Jordan's body in his truck, and started driving.

He said he ended up in Ingramport. He took an access road along some power lines, and dumped Jordan's body in the woods.



Reita Jordan FACEBOOK

He took all her belongings and burned them on that same road. Later, he went back to Ingramport, moved Jordan's body further into the woods, and threw any of her things that didn't burn into the woods.

The timeline is unclear, but some weeks later, Calnen said he took Jordan's body from that area, and moved it to Musquodoboit.

He said he started a fire around Jordan's body.

He let it burn for awhile, and then put it out. Jordan's torso hadn't burned, so he put it in a canvas bag in his truck.

At that point, Crown attorney Rick Woodburn paused the video, and court adjourned for the day.

The jury will be shown the rest of the video Friday, and Hurley will continue his testimony.

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Man shot through car window

COLE HARBOUR

RCMP call incident 'very, very disturbing'



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

What residents describe as a quiet neighbourhood in Cole Harbour saw a heavy police presence Thursday after a brazen morning shooting left a man with life-threatening injuries.

Around 9:25 a.m. Thursday, Halifax RCMP responded to reports of shots fired at the corner of Merrimac Drive and Clermont Crescent.

They found a 22-year-old Dartmouth man shot through the driver-side window of a white car parked outside a residence. The shooter had already fled the scene.

"It's been a quiet neighbourhood. There hasn't been a lot of anything going on," said Dorothy Horton, who lives on Clermont.



The RCMP on scene of a shooting in Cole Harbour on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Horton said she saw the ambulance drive away with the victim, but the man's aunt told her he had been shot at close range through the car window, hit once in the chest and twice in the shoulder.

The victim was able to move when he was taken out of the

car, Horton said, but had glass in his eyes from the window.

Horton said the gunman had run down Clermont and into the woods toward Cole Harbour District High School, which along with Auburn Drive High School was put on a hold-and-secure for about 90 minutes.

utes.

Although Horton said she usually feels safe in the area, a couple weeks ago she had a frightening moment when she opened her front door late at night to let her cat out and saw a man in a mask.

Another neighbour on Mer-

rimac, who preferred not to give his name, said the incident was a "total surprise" because there's no break-ins or vandalism on the street.

"This is very concerning to anyone when there's shots fired in the community; public safety is paramount," RCMP

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It's something that would be alarming to anyone ... regardless of what community.

Cpl. Greg Church

spokesman Cpl. Greg Church told reporters.

"A very, very disturbing incident obviously has occurred here this morning."

Church said the shooting is not random but could not comment on how the culprit might be known to the victim.

RCMP are still investigating and looking for the shooter, Church said, but had no description of the culprit.

The victim remained in hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries Thursday evening.

Nearby Arklow Drive was the scene of a violent home invasion last December that sent three teens to hospital after four men wearing bandanas broke into a home and opened fire.

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CRIME

RCMP investigate suspicious death in Antigonish home

The Mounties are investigating a suspicious death in Antigonish, after finding the body of a 38-year-old man at a local residence.

Police say they went to a home on Braemore Avenue at 9 p.m. on Wednesday after receiving a 911 call.

Investigators say the man had died by the time they arrived.

In a news release, the

Mounties say the investigation is in its early stages and no additional details were being released.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police issue warning after rash of vehicle thefts

Police are urging people in a Nova Scotia community to lock their cars after a slew of thefts.

New Glasgow Regional Police are investigating 15 thefts from vehicles over the

last week, along with the theft of a car.

Police say they have seen over 100 thefts from vehicles this year.

They say these types of robberies go up as Christmas approaches.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man sentenced to four years for refusing breathalyzer

A 54-year-old man whose record included 30 prior driving-related criminal code

convictions was sentenced to more than four years in prison on a 2011 charge of refusing a breathalyzer.

Ashley Trent Scott received the sentence from Justice Arthur Pickup in Shelburne Supreme Court this week.

Crown Attorney Josie McKinney asked the court to consider giving Scott the maximum five-year sentence allowed by law on the charge. "He had an extensive criminal record," she said. TC MEDIA



The Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside. An officer is facing narcotic and breach of trust charges. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Jail guard nabbed for trafficking

DRUGS

Arrest part of investigation that started in early July



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A corrections officer at the Burnside jail has been charged with drug trafficking.

RCMP in Nova Scotia said a 39-year-old male employee at the Nova Scotia Correctional Facility has been arrested and is facing charges as part of a drug-trafficking investigation.

The officer was identified after an investigation was launched earlier in July, RCMP spokesman Const. Mark Skinner said Thursday.

Skinner said a quantity of drugs and cash were seized during the investigation, but he could not comment on how much, or what kind of drugs, were taken.

"That could compromise the investigation. It's still ongoing at this time," Skinner said.

There is also the potential for additional arrests and charges in the case, Skinner said.

When asked about public concern around drugs getting into the prison system, Skinner said RCMP are committed to enforcing drug laws to the fullest extent "whether it's in a prison or on the street."

"It's not a situation we encounter often," Skinner said.

The accused was arrested on Wednesday in Shubenacadie without incident. He now faces charges of trafficking a controlled substance, possessing proceeds of crime and breach of trust.

Skinner said the breach of trust charge is related to the man's position of authority in the jail.

+ COURT DATE

Police said he is set to appear in Shubenacadie provincial court Dec. 7.

SACKVILLE

Man facing child porn charges had a history

A man from Lower Sackville has been charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

RCMP in Halifax said members of the Internet child exploitation unit executed search warrants for addresses on Beaver Bank Road and Old Sackville Road on Wednesday around 9 a.m.

Lorne Leslie Stewart, 21, was later arrested without incident. Stewart now faces charges of

possession and distribution of child pornography and breach of undertaking.

According to a release issued Thursday, police say Stewart was bound by an undertaking in relation to previous child pornography charges from an earlier investigation in the fall of 2014.

The accused has been remanded into custody and will appear in Dartmouth provincial court on Monday. METRO

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HALIFAX

The wrap gets its own rap

MUSIC

Local artist filming donair-inspired hip hop video



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

If you go gaga over donairs and hip hop, keep your calendars open this Friday.

Quake Matthews is a rapper from Fairview with a talent for spitting rhymes that landed his latest album in the Top 5 spot on the Canadian iTunes hip-hop charts earlier this year.

After reading the headlines Halifax was considering proclaiming donairs the official food of the city, Matthews decided to record an official song dedicated to the dish be-

loved by so many Haligonians. "I thought, you know, what a perfect time that we should celebrate the legacy of the donair," Matthews said Thursday.

He then pitched the idea to King of Donair, who introduced the food to the city back in 1973.

Needless to say they loved it, and agreed to let Matthews film a music video Friday for his donair-inspired track, Down With the King.

Matthews said for the track he brought together the old-school musical flow of hip-hop greats RUN-DMC's original song of the same name, and mixed it with his own playful lyrics.

To him, the food is wrapped up in not only in tinfoil, but the culture of the city's downtown nightlife.

"You know, in my teens or early twenties, going out after leaving the club when it would close at 3:30 a.m., everyone would meet up, you know, and go get a donair," Matthews recalled.

"It was kind of like tradition."

People can now take part in a bit of history by showing up to the King of Donair's

Quinpool Road location Friday for filming at 6 p.m.

Matthews is offering free swag and, of course, donairs. "Old-school Maritime party," he said, laughing.

"I thought, you know, what a perfect time that we should celebrate the legacy of the donair."

Quake Matthews



Rapper Quake Matthews is celebrating the donair with a new song and video. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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A sidewalk plow clears a path in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

WINTER

City looks to bolster snow-clearing stock

With only a few weeks until the snow usually flies in Halifax, the city is looking to round out its stock of sidewalk plows and equipment.

The city issued a tender this week for the “rental of hourly sidewalk clearing equipment for snow and ice control,” which municipal staff said would be kept on retainer as back-ups for their collection of in-house equipment.

“If equipment breaks down for example, we have nothing in our arsenal, as far as sidewalk equipment goes, that can actually [be used] to supplement that,” Trevor Harvie, acting supervisor of winter operations said Thursday.

Most sidewalks in the city are cleared by performance-based contractors, save those located in downtown Halifax, downtown Dartmouth, and Burnside — which, Harvie explained, are cleared by in-house workers.

He explained the need for back-up equipment was made clear last winter when machines would break down during heavy storms.

“Then you start the scramble of trying to secure, locate and resources when everybody was using them, so we had no means of having anything available,” Harvie said.

The cost of having hourly equipment on retainer would be absorbed in the overall \$21-million approved winter operations budget, Harvie said, but couldn’t give specifics.

The quality of sidewalk clearing has been a touchy subject amongst many in the city, as last winter saw dozens of them made impassable by layers of snow and ice.

Harvie said procuring the extra equipment as back-ups will help build capacity for overall service delivery.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

About Schmidtville: Past, present collide

CONSTRUCTION

Development threatens heritage plans, residents say



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The timelines of a proposed development and promised heritage conservation district have some residents in Halifax shaking their heads.

William Breckenridge lives in Schmidtville — a historic neighbourhood bordered by Morris Street, Brenton Street, Dresden Row, Birmingham Street and Clyde Street — and is one of the stakeholders working to have the area designated as a heritage site.

He and other members of group Friends of Schmidtville are concerned, he says, that a pre-application rendering of a proposed 16-storey tower by WM Fares Group would threaten the historic integrity of the neighbourhood.

For example, he says there are six homes located on the west side of Brenton Street, but on the intersecting corner of Brenton Place is where the new 170-unit glass-clad development is poised to go.

“You have these historic homes that are there, and what do you do about that whole



An artist's conception of WM Fares Group's proposed 16-storey tower. CONTRIBUTED

concept of the conservation district? Are you undermining it by putting in a larger building?” Breckenridge said Thursday.

“This is a unique area of the city, and development needs to be respectful and reflect the uniqueness of the area.”

Guidelines become muddled since back in April, Halifax regional council approved moving forward to grant the neighbourhood its heritage status.

That meant directing the area’s heritage conservation plan and drafting bylaws for the city’s design review com-

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Development needs to be respectful.

William Breckenridge

mittee to study.

According to minutes from that meeting, councillors also voted to ask the province for authority to suspend “any potential developments in the Schmidtville district while undergoing the process of establishing Schmidtville as a

heritage conservation district.”

At that time, heritage planner Seamus McGreal said Halifax Regional Municipality does not have the power to restrict development under the current Heritage Property Act.

Breckenridge questions whether developers are trying sneak under the ropes before the new rules come into play.

“I don’t think it’s a problem of saying, ‘you can’t build a building,’ or, ‘you can’t knock something down,’ he said.

“But whatever you do, make sure it’s respectful because this is a historic area.”

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Scott Brison 'raring to go' as Treasury Board president

POLITICS

Kings-Hants MP promises to work with Maritimes

One day after he was sworn in as president of the Treasury Board, Nova Scotia MP Scott Brison was already on the job.

"It's exciting, I'm raring to go," the MP for Kings-Hants said on Thursday. "I was in my office in Ottawa this morning at 7:30 and I hit the ground running. I went through, shaking

people's hands."

Brison said he wants people to know he feels strongly about "bringing in a new culture of respect for public servants and parliamentarians" under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"We can't move forward without a fully engaged public service," he said, adding the relationship between government and public servants suffered under the Harper Conservatives.

It will take some doing, he cautioned.

"The Conservatives have left the cupboard bare," he said. "We're going to have to find efficiencies to actually invest in



I had a lot of time in opposition to think about what we'd do if we were in government again.

Scott Brison

a progressive agenda and invest in the priorities of Canadians."

That's where Brison comes in, describing the Treasury Board as "a bit of a nerve centre for all government departments and agencies."

It has taken a long road to get here. Brison — who served on the treasury committee as part of Paul Martin's cabinet — has represented Kings-Hants since 1997.

"It's been a long time, but I had a lot of time in opposition to think about what we'd do if we were in government again. It's nice to have that opportunity."

As the cabinet minister for Nova Scotia, he's also committed to representing Atlantic Canada in Ottawa. He won't do it alone.

"I've already had conversations with (Nova Scotia) Premier

(Steven) McNeil, (New Brunswick) Premier (Brian) Gallant and (former P.E.I.) Premier (Robert) Ghiz, and I'm prepared to work very closely with them, and we have a very strong caucus and very strong members of parliament here in Nova Scotia," Brison said, acknowledging there's much work to be done.

Brison was sworn into his new position on Wednesday as his partner, Maxime St-Pierre, and twin daughters, Rose and Claire, looked on. Also present was St-Pierre's mother and Brison's sister.

"It was really special," Brison said.



Scott Brison
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He found out about his cabinet post after meeting with Trudeau a few days earlier and says he was honoured to be chosen. Brison

says he's proud of the cabinet Trudeau put together.

"The skeptics doubted whether we could really do that — whether Prime Minister Trudeau could really accomplish gender parity in his cabinet," Brison said. "We have a very strong cabinet with women in very key, pivotal roles." TC MEDIA



HACKTIVISM REMEMBER, REMEMBER TO EXPECT US Members of the local Anonymous community march in Halifax as part of the international Million Mask March. Nov. 5 is also Guy Fawkes Day. JEFF HARPER/METRO

VANDALISM

Historic Louisbourg lighthouse targeted

Cape Breton Regional Police are investigating reported incidents of vandalism at the historic lighthouse in Louisbourg.

Police initially received a complaint Oct. 30 that suggested the lighthouse had been the target of what seemed to be a few incidents of vandalism.

A police spokesperson was unable to specify the nature of the vandalism on the property. According to information received by the Cape Breton Post, the solar panel attached to the structure was among the items damaged.

Located across the harbour from the Fortress Louisbourg National Park, the lighthouse is considered the first structure of its kind in Canada built in 1734. TC MEDIA

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Billy Lorne with the Boston-bound Christmas tree. TC MEDIA

Christmas tree bound for Boston

PICTOU COUNTY

Lorne spruce chosen as gift to the U.S. city

Andrea MacEachern has thought for years that the large spruce tree growing in her backyard in Lorne would look beautiful draped in Christmas lights. She'll get to see that beauty in full brightness this Christmas in Boston.

The Boston Christmas Tree is coming from Lorne, Pictou Co., this year.

A tree is chosen each year from Nova Scotia to be sent to Boston as a show of appreciation for the support the city offered to Halifax during the Halifax explosion aftermath of

1917 which killed 2,000 and left 7,000 injured.

On Thursday, arborists were binding the branches of the 49-foot tree at the home of Billy and Andrea MacEachern in Lorne.

Billy put up a sign in his yard Thursday morning announcing the tree was coming from their home and that it would be cut Nov. 17.

He said his wife deserves full credit for suggesting that the tree might be good for Boston.

Billy used to work for Nova Scotia Power and when they moved to the property, she suggested he get one of the bucket trucks to decorate the tree.

"She always had it in her head that she wanted to see that tree lit up," he said.

Last year when they heard about the Christmas tree go-



Arborist Jeremy Leclair was busy Thursday binding branches on the tree going to Boston. TC MEDIA

ing to Boston from Antigonish, she decided they should enter their own tree and submitted a couple of pictures.

Two men came out to look at it and informed the couple there would be a selection committee making the decision.

In addition to having a good shape, the tree has to be a certain height, a white spruce and easy to access. The committee came to look at the tree and a short time afterward, they were told it was down to two trees in

+ BACKGROUND

Boston Connection

Bill MacEachern competed in the Boston Marathon in 1996 on its 100th anniversary. He placed in the top 5 per cent of runners.

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the province.

"I got a call a short time later and they said, 'You're going to Boston.'"

Public Meetings

HRSB Electoral District Boundary Review 2015

The Education Act requires that all school boards in Nova Scotia conduct a review of the number and boundaries of polling districts for the elected members of the school board on a regular basis.

The final decision on the number of polling districts and boundaries is made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) and is binding on the school board.

A substantial review of the electoral boundaries of the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) was conducted in 2012. This review led to the alignment of the HRSB electoral districts with the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) electoral districts.

The description of the current boundaries can be found on the HRSB website at: www.hrsb.ca/news/2015/10/09/review-electoral-boundaries.

HRM applied for minor amendments to its electoral districts which were approved by an Order of the NSUARB on June 24, 2015. HRSB proposes to apply to the NSUARB to maintain the current number of electoral districts and to reflect the minor changes approved for the HRM electoral districts.

This notice serves to advise residents that the HRSB will undertake a public consultation process as part of its 2015 Electoral District Boundary review.

The HRSB is seeking input related to the number of polling districts, district boundaries, as well as considering changes in the names of its electoral districts. For more information on the HRSB proposal, visit the HRSB website at: www.hrsb.ca/news/2015/10/09/review-electoral-boundaries.

Written (mail and email) submissions will be received by the HRSB Corporate Secretary until November 20, 2015. Submissions received will be considered during the electoral boundary review process.

Submissions can be sent to:

Natascha Joncas
33 Spectacle Lake Drive
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Email: njoncas@hrsbc.ca

The HRSB will also hold the following public meetings at which time in person submissions may be made:

November 17, 2015
Central Spryfield Elem.
Library, 7-9 pm

November 19, 2015
Kingswood Elem.
Cafeteria, 7-9 pm



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WE DAY

Hadfield, Hoggard and Classified on tap



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Halifax will welcome a star-studded line up this month for WE Day, an annual event focused on empowering young people.

On Thursday, guests were announced for WE Day Atlantic Canada at the Scotiabank Centre on Nov. 27, including astronaut Chris Hadfield, local rapper Classified, and Hedley lead singer Jacob Hoggard.

"I have performed in sta-

diums across the country but the energy at WE Day is like nothing else I have ever experienced," Hoggard said in a press release.

"I am continuously inspired by the thousands of youth that have come together to make a difference and

can't wait to connect with the students in Halifax."

Other guests include Debby Ryan + The Never Ending, JRDN, SonReal, Francesco Yates, Aislinn Paul, Luke Bilyk, Spencer West, and WE Day co-founders Craig and Marc Kielburger.

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IN BRIEF

Canada signs several side deals amid TPP text release

Canada has signed almost two dozen side letters with its trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, including an agreement with the United States to combat illicit trade.

Canada also has a side agreement with Japan that appears to protect the exports of British Columbia logs, a key sticking point between the two countries. The letters were released as the text of the broader TPP agreement, finalized Oct. 5 by a dozen Pacific Rim countries, was released Thursday by the New Zealand government.

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Trudeau loosens reins on diplomats

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has unshackled his top diplomats. Trudeau sent a letter Wednesday to the ambassadors and high commissioners of Canada's foreign missions telling them he and his cabinet will be relying on their judgment and insight to advance Canada's foreign-policy goals.

The letter marks a reversal of the strict message control that Harper imposed on his top diplomats over much of the past decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Puppet maker boosting political engagement

Textile artist Gabe Thirlwall started a collection of handmade political finger puppets after moving to Ottawa eight years ago as a way to encourage political engagement. Now she's thinking about a redesign to turn the long-haired, open-shirted Justin Trudeau puppet into one that better resembles Canada's 23rd prime minister.

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Power stays top-heavy

REFORM ACT

Liberal MPs defer decision to dilute PM's influence

Newly minted Liberal MPs have passed on their chance to give backbenchers more clout and dilute the powers of their leader.

Under the Reform Act passed by all parties last spring — and supported by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — each party's MPs were supposed to choose at their first caucus meeting after an election whether to adopt rules aimed at rebalancing power between MPs and their leaders.

Among other things, the rules would allow backbenchers to trigger a leadership review and potentially to oust their leader altogether.

But at their first caucus meeting Thursday, Liberal MPs chose unanimously to defer a decision on the rules until party members could weigh in on the matter at a national convention scheduled for late May.

"A number of the elements that were proposed in the Reform Act, in our view, weaken the role of the membership of the party," government House leader Dominic LeBlanc said following the caucus meeting.

"Our leader was not selected simply by a vote in caucus. Our leader was selected by an open, democratic process of members ... and supporters. So we didn't think it was appropriate at the first meeting of a new caucus to do something that would massively change the authority and the leadership that we've vested in the volunteers and the members of our party."

MPs agreed unanimously



Trudeau holds his first caucus meeting on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

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THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL

Trudeau triumphs over Trump in Forbes ranking

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is the 69th most powerful person in the world, according to Forbes magazine.

The newly elected Liberal leader is three places above U.S. Republican presidential

candidate Donald Trump in the annual list.

Stephen Harper did not feature in 2014.

Russian president Vladimir Putin has the top spot this year, ahead of the chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, and U.S. President Barack Obama. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

that such a dramatic change should only be approved by delegates to the next national convention, he added.

The decision to defer the matter came even as Trudeau is promising to empower MPs

from all parties, bolster parliamentary committees and reverse the centralization of power in the Prime Minister's Office.

The Reform Act was the brainchild of Conservative

backbencher Michael Chong, who watered down a number of his original proposals in order to win all-party support, including adding the caucus opt-in provision.

For a caucus that opts in, the act specifies that a leadership review vote can be triggered if 20 per cent or more of a party's MPs request it. A subsequent majority vote by MPs against a leader would be sufficient to force a leadership contest.

The act also gives MPs the power to decide if an errant colleague should be expelled from or readmitted to their caucus, something traditionally the exclusive preserve of the leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEDIA

'Because it's 2015' grabbing headlines

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's succinct "because it's 2015" explanation of his new, half-female cabinet has attracted international attention.

The New York Times, Newsweek, Slate, the NBC Nightly News website and various other U.S. news organizations reported on Trudeau's swearing-in on Wednesday, including his retort to a reporter when asked why having a cabinet with an equal number of men and women was important to him.

Newsweek cited a United Nations study to note that with Trudeau's gender-equal cabinet, Canada will now rank No. 4 in the world in terms of percentage of women in ministerial positions, tied with France and Liechtenstein. It was previously in 20th place, according to the UN Women report. Finland is No. 1.

Even some celebrities waxed poetic.

"Why a gender balanced/50:50 government? 'Because it's 2015'! Coolest thing I've seen in a while. Love U Canada," actress Emma Watson, of Harry Potter fame, wrote on Twitter.

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He's picked 15 men and 15 women — the first gender-balanced ministerial team in the country's history.

Excerpt from Britain's Telegraph

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Ambrose new interim leader

Alberta MP Rona Ambrose stepped into Stephen Harper's leadership shoes Thursday — albeit on an interim basis — as the Conservatives gathered for the first time since last month's election demoted them to the official Opposition. Ambrose, who served as health minister in the last Parliament, had campaigned on a promise to bring a respectful and civil tone to debate in the House of Commons.

"I'm excited that we are going to be moving forward with a strong opposition with confidence and optimism," she said,

flanked by fellow Conservative caucus members chanting her name in support. "I am extremely proud to be the new leader of the Opposition."

Ambrose, 46, was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004 and went on to serve in several cabinet posts under Harper.

She has also been active in the promotion of women in leadership positions, and in that portfolio struck a committee to examine how to get more women involved in the highest echelons of the corporate sector.

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Rona Ambrose will take position as temporary head of the Conservatives.

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STATISTICS

Liberals follow through with reinstating long-form census

The new Liberal government is making good on a promise to resurrect the mandatory, long-form census killed off by the Conservatives but is vague on the details of how it plans to persuade Canadians to fill it out.

The long-form component of the 2011 questionnaire was axed by Stephen Harper's government, which called it intrusive to threaten people with fines and jail time for not answering personal questions — a nod to the party's libertar-

Communities will once again have access to high-quality data.

Navdeep Bains

ian base.

The Conservatives replaced the long-form census with the National Household Survey. The

response rate declined from 93.5 per cent in 2006 to 68.6 per cent in 2011.

The new Liberal government, however, is giving priority to evidence-based decision-making instead of ideology, said Navdeep Bains, the minister of innovation, science and economic development.

"Today, Canadians are reclaiming their right to accurate and more reliable information," Bains told a news conference.

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MYANMAR 'I will run the government'

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Thursday that she will be the true power above the country's president if her party wins historic elections this Sunday. "It's a very simple message," Suu Kyi said. "I'll be above the president... I'll run the government." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Aung San Suu Kyi speaks
Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi. MARK BAKER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

2 National League for Democracy
Supporters of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

3 Rally in Yangon
The NLD party is expected to triumph this year. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

PLANE CRASH

Russia, Egypt say no bomb on Metrojet

Five days after a Russian jetliner broke apart high above the Sinai, Russia and Egypt on Thursday dismissed Western suggestions that a terrorist bomb may have caused the crash that killed 224 people, saying the speculation was a rush to judgment.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who spoke to the presidents of both countries in the very public dispute, said he had grounded all British flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula because of "intelligence and information" indicating a bomb was the probable reason a Metrojet Airbus A321-200 plane had crashed in the desert.

"We don't know for certain that it was a terrorist bomb ... (but it's a) strong possibil-

ity," Cameron said.

If Britain had information about a bomb on the plane, it's "really shocking" that hasn't been shared with Russia, said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova.

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+ SPECULATION

President Obama reacts

President Barack Obama said the U.S. was taking "very seriously" the possibility that a bomb brought down the plane. ISIL claimed responsibility for bringing down the plane, but Russian and Egyptian officials say the claim was not credible.

3 million migrants by 2016, predicts EU

GLOBAL POLITICS

Nations want flexibility in spending during crisis

The European Union is predicting that 3 million migrants could arrive in the 28-nation bloc by the end of next year, with the refugee emergency already proving a stern test of

EU border and reception capacities.

The arrivals are imposing costs for shelter, rescue operations and border security, but the EU estimates that the refugees are likely to bring economic benefits within a few years, notably in Germany, one of the preferred destinations for

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More than 700,000 people have come to Europe seeking sanctuary or jobs so far this year.

many people.

EU autumn economic forecasts released on Thursday show that based on current migrant entries and a "technical assumption" about future flows, arrival rates for migrants are unlikely to slow before 2017.

Despite the figures of refu-

gee increases, the European Commission predicted that the population across the 28 EU nations would only rise by about 0.4 per cent. No obvious impact on employment levels is likely, it said.

"You cannot say that this influx of refugees is likely to have a negative impact, or some kind of a shift of kicking other people out of the labour market," the EU's top economics and finance official, Pierre Moscovici, said.

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IN BRIEF

Obama apologizes for hospital bombing

Wounded Taliban fighters were being treated in a Doctors Without Borders hospital in northern Afghanistan that was bombed by U.S. forces last month, but there were no armed men or fighting in the area at the time, the charity said Thursday, as it released the results of an internal probe into the incident.

President Barack Obama apologized for the attack. The U.S. military said the airstrike, requested by Afghan forces, was a mistake.

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Former justice minister linked to 2014 shootings

Ukraine's Security Service says former Justice Minister Olena Lukash has been detained in connection with a probe into deadly shootings during opposition protests in 2014.

More than a hundred people were killed on and around Kyiv's central Independence Square (also called the Maidan) on Feb. 18-20, 2014, in sniper fire. The Ukrainian Security Service said that Lukash is in custody and a court will shortly rule on her possible arrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Weak loonie shouldn't mean staying home

TRAVEL

Tour firms offer bonuses for quick sale of packages

A weaker loonie means the price for Canadians to escape the snow and ice for the warmth of the sun this winter is going to be more costly than it has been in recent years.

But travel experts say that planning ahead and starting your search for the perfect beach holiday now will save you money.

Travel agent Omar Guechtal of the Flight Centre travel agency says booking early is the surest way to save this year.

He says tour companies have been looking to sell out their packages as early as possible.

"So what they've done is they've incentivized their packages with early booking bo-



All-inclusive vacations limit out-of-pocket expenses in U.S. dollars on the trip. CONTRIBUTED

nuses, reduced deposits, added perks, free seat selection or other bonuses that you can get by booking early."

Guechtal says tour companies sign contracts for hotels and flights negotiated in U.S. dollars, even though the packages they sell are priced in Canadian currency.

Choosing an all-inclusive vacation or a cruise can be another way to save because you will limit the out-of-pocket expenses you might have to pay while on your trip.

In addition to booking early, Guechtal says Canadians can also look to save money by paying for amusement park tickets

or extra excursions that may not be included in an all-inclusive package ahead of time.

If you can pay in Canadian dollars before leaving you may avoid costly credit card foreign exchange fees or surcharges that come with using bank machines to withdraw cash.

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INVESTING

Five provinces ease crowdfunding rules

Five of Canada's securities regulators have released a joint policy that makes it possible for businesses and individuals in five provinces to raise money and sell stakes in their businesses through crowdfunding.

Websites like Kickstarter, Indiegogo and Patreon have made it easier for U.S. entrepreneurs to raise money from large numbers of people at a time. Unlike those crowdfunding platforms, which provide no equity in the ensuing product, the new rules pave the way for Canadian businesses to use

crowdfunding to sell equity.

Now Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have exempted crowdfunding from some of the requirements of traditional fundraising methods such as an IPO. Crowd-funding platforms will have to meet certain criteria in order to register as a funding portal, and will be responsible for background checks and other due diligence.

Investors will be limited in how much they can invest relative to their income and net worth.

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IN BRIEF

Telus cutting 1,500 jobs

Wireless provider Telus Corp. is cutting 1,500 positions, saving as much as \$125 million each year. At the same time, Telus told shareholders it would raise their dividend payments by five per cent to 44 cents per share, starting in January.

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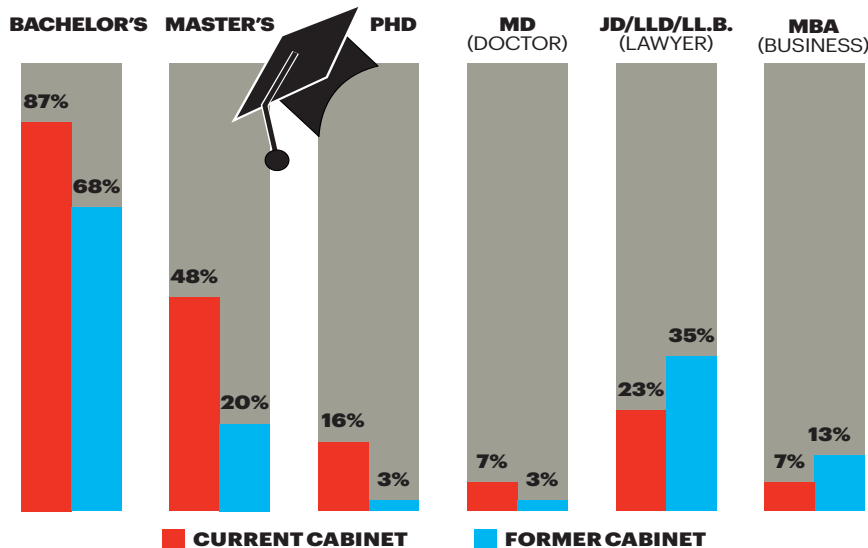
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THE BIG THING: THE STACKED CABINET

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been packing his front bench with a high-powered cast of highly qualified MPs — a lieutenant-colonel, a CEO, an astronaut — but how does the expertise in the new, leaner 31-seat cabinet compare to the 40-member team the Conservatives had when the writ dropped in August? We crunched the numbers on members' scholastic success, then and now.



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CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

KIRSTY DUNCAN
MINISTER OF SCIENCE
Holds a Ph.D. in geography; member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007

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MINISTER OF HEALTH
Family physician for 26 years, including 10 in West Africa; earned a master's in public health and a fellowship in tropical medicine

JOHN McCALLUM
MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP
Former chief economist of the Royal Bank of Canada and dean of arts at McGill University

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Liberal-arts majors have a kindred spirit in the prime minister

Liberal-arts majors, rejoice. You've got a prime minister in your ranks.

The situation reminds me of this thing I had about bananas when I was a kid. One day, I ate a banana, and then when I lay on my stomach and tried to touch my toes to my head, I succeeded. It was an early ah-ha moment, and I continued to eat bananas before trying to touch my toes to my head until I lost interest. But it was a sad day, years later, when I ate a banana and broke my back.

So, Justin Trudeau may have a bachelor's degree in literature from McGill and one in education from the University of British Columbia, but he didn't win by investing in his education: he won by investing in being a Trudeau and then running a damn fine campaign.

That's not to say there's nothing of benefit to a banana, or an arts degree. In fact, Trudeau's education appears to be playing a role in his leadership style.

Take his exhaustive attention to ensuring a diversity of voices — plurality being an ethic at the heart of liberal arts — via the most diverse cabinet we've ever seen. And before you scream "Quota!" let's note that pundits are generally cheering the ministers' depth of experience in their respective portfolios, bemoaning only — if anything

— that some lack experience in politics.

Take also Trudeau's keen sense of dramatic scene-setting. The tedium of a swearing-in ceremony (watching 30 people repeat the same words and shake the same hands) became a jaunty celebration for the masses gathered outside Rideau Hall, drawing comparisons to the Kennedys' Camelot. If it is just political propaganda, it's of the public-inclusive, liberal-arts variety.

He made the connection himself, to school-aged kids, telling them his education degree informed his plans to "listen as much as he speaks" and be a mentor-prime minister, helping the cabinet members and Canadians "solve those challenges and get their answers."

Of course, personality informs leadership. And it's also not always true that degrees predict a prime minister's leadership style. Last time, we got an economist who ran the country based on ideology and hated data so much that he cut the long-form census and hollowed out science libraries.

But don't worry: the census is back. Which means that if you do happen to have an arts degree, and you do wonder what that means for your career prospects over time, just keep an eye on Statistics Canada. It'll be tracking that.

When we legalize pot, let's be chill about it



Diane Baker Mason
For Metro

In the opening scene of the 1994 film *Pulp Fiction*, two affable hired killers discuss the legalization of marijuana. Vincent (the well-travelled one) tries to distill the complicated Dutch hash-bar laws by describing pot as "legal but not 100 per cent legal." You can own it, he explains, and you can smoke it, but you can't

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time.

buy or sell it. His companion is baffled. Why does it have to be so complicated?

Why indeed? While this scene from a 20-year-old movie remains applicable to many Canadians' contemporary understanding of cannabis users (that they are criminals using a dangerous drug), most Canadians believe that pot should be legalized. Many point to the relative harmlessness of the drug and to its many medical uses. Those benefits were recognized in Canada by the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations issued by Health Canada in 2013, a narrow decriminalization that took years of legislative caterwauling to bring into force. Since then, there's been no serious chance of further decriminalization. At least, until now.

Now that we have our shiny new prime minister, the issue of legalizing pot is again being passed around. Legal, regulated use is now only a matter of time, although Trudeau cannot say how much time. When asked recently, he indicated it could take years to draft, create and implement the new regulatory scheme. After decades of debate — during which many other jurisdictions globally have decriminalized and even completely legalized cannabis — are we in for another long wait?

Probably. Legalizing pot is not simply a matter of amending the Criminal Code, as Pierre Trudeau's government did in 1968, removing prohibitions against homosexuality and birth control. Pot smoking has an intoxicating effect (obviously), and there do need to

be controls on its use and sale. The nature and scope of the controls need to be identified and legislated. Then there is the tax revenue: an entire legislative scheme of collection, reporting and distribution. There's far more to it than just declaring pot to be "legal but not 100% legal."

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time. Legalization is on the new government's agenda. At this point, there is no reason to keep asking the PM when pot will be legalized. The legislation will come in time. In the meantime, we should all just chill out.

And if you have difficulty chilling? Well, I know a guy...

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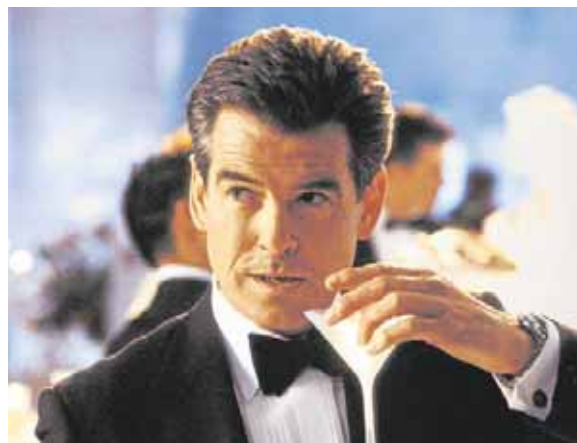
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While most people would say Sean Connery made the best 007, Richard Crouse's vote goes to Roger Moore. Daniel Craig is also a popular choice, while 1990s leading man Pierce Brosnan seems to be a less popular choice with the general public. HANDOUTS

Who made the best Bond?

MOVIE STARS

People's favourite 007 often the one they saw first

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Who's your favourite James Bond? This weekend Daniel Craig suits up again, taking his fourth spin as the super spy in Spectre. The film's overseas reviews have been very strong and it will likely dominate the weekend's box office but who among us would call Craig the best Bond?

I have a theory that the Bond

nearest and dearest to your heart is the first 007 you saw projected on the big screen.

Popular consensus tells us that Sean Connery, who played the role in six films spanning 1962 To 1971 and then once again in 1983's non-officially sanctioned Never Say Never Again, is the best Bond. As cool as Connery was he isn't my top of the pops. Dr. No, the first 007 movie, came out before I was born and Connery more or less permanently parked his Aston Martin around the time I entered grade two.

The Bond that made the biggest impression on me was Roger Moore. I know critically speaking he wasn't the most beloved Bond. Pauline Kael once wrote about him, "Roger Moore is dutiful and passive as Bond; his clothes are neatly pressed



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Spectre ★★★★★
The Peanuts Movie ★★★
Miss You Already ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★★ SEE IT
★★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

and he shows up for work, like an office manager who is turning into dead wood but hanging on to collect his pension."

I also know that hardcore spy fans considered Moore too well-mannered and pleasant to be effective, but he was my first, and I guess the first cut is the deepest because I still have a fondness for his breezy take on the super agent.

But that's just me.

To get a broader picture I did a highly scientific Double-Blind

Bond Peer Reviewed In House Clinical Trial (in other words I asked my Facebook and Twitter friends) to determine the world's favourite 007 portrayer.

The contenders were Connery, George Lazenby, Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Craig — everyone who has played Bond in one of the 24 officially sanctioned 007 movies.

Several contributors brought up others like Barry Nelson, who played James Bond in a 1954 television adaptation of

Casino Royale. Also mentioned were David Niven's turn as Bond in 1967's Casino Royale and another actor who has never played 007. "Clive Owen," suggested one poster, "once they get around to casting him in the next one."

After eliminating the unofficial 007s and non-Bonds a team of experts (OK, it was just me reading through the posts as Live and Let Die played on the TV behind me) sifted through the results.

Pollsters said Brosnan Is Not Enough to '90s Bond Pierce Brosnan who came in dead last with just 1.9 per cent of the vote.

"I liked Pierce Brosnan because he embodied all the others combined," wrote one positive poster. "Charm, humour, ruthlessness, cunning."

Timothy Dalton earned 3.9

per cent with one respondent saying, "If there really was an agent who was an assassin with a licence to kill ... it would be him."

At 9.8 per cent, George Lazenby fared better than Brosnan and Dalton even though he only made one 007 film.

My favourite Bond came in third with 15.6 per cent, just behind Daniel Craig's 21.5 per cent. "Craig gets me wanting to watch whereas the others are placeholders," wrote a Facebook friend, "Sorry."

By far and away, Sean Connery was the winner with a whopping 39.2 per cent of the vote. This comment seems to sum up the reason why people like him. "Sean Connery because Sean Connery!"

Who is your favourite Bond? Chime in at @metropicks.



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Not every adaptation of a show stays faithful. With *The Peanuts Movie* hitting theatres — and in a beautifully exact (if high-def) simulacrum of the strip's storied TV specials, complete with actual kids doing the voices — here's a look at other movies that got it right **MATT PRIGGE/METRO NEW YORK**



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**1 And Now for Something Completely Different (1971)****Source: Monty Python's Flying Circus**

As a troupe and individually, Monty Python made several landmark films that kept the spirit of their experimental sketch show without actually being them. But their first movie was exactly like the show. In fact it was simply a best-of sketch cavalcade, with greatest hits (the parrot sketch, The Lumberjack Song, Upper-Class Twit of the Year, etc.) re-shot, and with no laugh-track. The reason? They wanted to invade America and no one had heard of them. Monty Python and the Holy Grail would take care of that better than their cinematic debut, but it's still a fine entry-point for newbs.

**2 The Naked Gun' (1988)****Source: Police Squad!**

Doing a film of *Police Squad!* made sense: The show, which ran for only six episodes in 1982, found David and Jerry Zucker plus Jim Abraham (a.k.a. ZAZ) trying to do for TV what they had done with *Airplane!* on film. In fact, it was the quick jokes and never-ceasing sight gags that got it yanked from the air; as one exec infamously said, it didn't work because it required viewers actually pay attention. So back to film they went, keeping pretty much everything but adding big (or, well, biggish) names like George Kennedy, Priscilla Presley, Ricardo Montalban and O.J. Simpson, who spends the film either physically abused or hospitalized.

**3 South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999)****Source: South Park**

There's tons of swearing, a couple of big-name cameo voices, a barrage of musical numbers and even a couple effects that are more than two guys working with construction paper. But the *South Park* movie, which hit theatres in the midst of the show's third season, is basically the same thing, only better than usual. Indeed, if it did anything it established that the show was no fluke, and that creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone had a true, unique angle on America, repression, hypocrisy and anything else they saw fit to satirize. After this the show would be even more giddy about tackling hot button topics, to all of society's betterment.

**4 Jackass: The Movie (2002), Jackass 2 (2006), Jackass 3-D (2010)****Source: Jackass**

Like the *South Park* movie, the inevitable *Jackass* movies were bigger and raunchier but essentially the same thing. In this case, the films are mere conveyor belts of gross-out stunts and body trauma, exploring what the physique can take or how far the squad members will go in the pursuit of their, um, craft. Not that they were simply TV on movie screens: by the third we get dildos flying out of the screen in beautiful 3D — surely one of the more original uses of a technology too often used for the truly crass and lowest common denominator.

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Tourists fantasize about bumping into him at his restaurant at Mission Ranch, the Hollywood icon's nine-hectare property just outside of town, and look for him as they explore the tony streets and hidden courtyards of this unendingly charming coastal community on California's Monterey Peninsula.

But these days Eastwood is more likely to be found teeing it up at nearby Pebble Beach Golf Links, the fabled course he co-owns with Arnold Palmer and former Major League Baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

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Another local beauty is Del Monte Golf Course, opened in

1897 and the oldest course in continuous operation west of the Mississippi. Two recently renovated layouts, Poppy Hills Golf Club and Quail Lodge Golf Course, are also highly regarded designs.

And a special favourite of knowledgeable golfers is Pacific Grove Golf Links, an affordable oceanfront beauty known as the "other Pebble."

Between rounds, head back to Carmel to explore a coastal town jam-packed with upscale

restaurants, hidden courtyards, quirky passageways, au courant art galleries and elegantly cosy inns.

One of the most popular places to stay is Cypress Inn, co-owned by another Hollywood legend and local resident, Doris Day. The hit recordings of the now 91-year-old Day are piped into the 44 sunny rooms of the 1929 local landmark.

Carmel's small downtown is an architectural mishmash of English-style country houses, Swiss chalets and, most notably, the 21 whimsical fairy tale cottages built by local architect Hugh Comstock starting in the 1920s. Eastwood, who was elected for a two-year term in 1986 on a progress platform, dismissed these Comstock Cottages as "Smurf homes."

Once a bohemian refuge for artists such as writer Jack London and photographers Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Carmel now numbers among the most exclusive addresses in California. Real estate prices soar ever higher on the approach to Carmel Bay, where the sea ebbs and crashes against a long white-sand beach.

Glimpsed at cliff-top across the bay are the emerald fairways of famed Pebble Beach, for golfers the most alluring of all the wonders on the Monterey Peninsula.

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The waterfront of historic Punda in Willemstad, Curaçao. ISTOCK

Tips for booking your sun holiday

ON THE MOVE

All-inclusive resort evolves, Cuba beckons

**Loren
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For Metro Canada



Attention sun seekers: There are a few things you need to bear in mind as you plan your winter vacation.

It is not going to be a great year for cheap and cheerful deals. Most tour operators do their contracting in U.S. dollars so the unfavourable exchange rate means sun holidays will be harder on the wallet.

Additionally, it is shaping up to be a strong El Niño winter, which means cooler temperatures in closer (and typically cheaper) destinations like Florida, Bahamas, Cuba and parts of Mexico. Although it is impossible to fully predict the weather, those craving heat are advised to drop a few extra dollars and go a little farther south.

According to the Caribbean Tourism Organization, the Dutch island of Curaçao, located just 60 kilometres north of Venezuela, is the fastest-growing Caribbean destination for Canadians. Transat begins its inaugural flights to the island in December.

Resorts go upscale

The all-inclusive resort continues to evolve, going more upscale with better food, decor, service and higher-end liquor choices. Karisma Hotels, for example, are branding themselves as gourmet-inclusive versus all-inclusive because of their all à-la-carte dining — no buffets and no reservations required.

Hyatt has broken into the all-inclusive market with upscale resorts such as the Hyatt Ziva and Hyatt Zilara, and mega resorts such as Casa de Campo in Dominican Republic continue to grow in popularity.

Spanning 7,000 tropical acres, Casa de Campo is home to three golf courses, a 370-slip Marina and Yacht Club, a polo club and Altos de Chavón,

an artisan's village modelled after a 16th-century Mediterranean city with boutiques, museums and a 5,000-seat Grecian-style amphitheatre.

Hot spots

Destinations in Central America such as Roatán, Honduras, are growing in popularity. Panama has opened a new airport in Río Hato, drastically cutting the transfer time to many of that country's most popular resorts.

Tourism to Cuba is up almost 25 per cent as Canadians race to see it before the country opens up to the wider U.S. market. A great option for those wanting to explore this gem of a destination is Cuba Cruise.

Introduced just two years ago, this small ship offers a seven-night itinerary that circumnavigates the island, stopping at the less-travelled ports of Cienfuegos, Santiago de Cuba and exotic Maria la Gorda. It also includes an overnight stay in the lively capital of Havana and the chance to snorkel above colourful coral reefs.



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Bigger ski country

Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons Resort in Utah have merged under the new ownership of Vail Resorts to form Park City, now the largest ski and snowboard resort in the U.S. After a \$50-million redo and a new high-speed, two-way gondola that links the two areas, Park City now offers 7,300+ acres of skiing on 300+ trails, with 41 lifts. Visit ParkCity.com.

Travel field journal

New book Do Big Small Things inspires readers to connect with the transformative power of travel. Written by travel company G Adventures founder Bruce Poon Tip, it functions as a type of visual workbook, where you are encouraged to record the essence of your trips, however far-flung or close to home, and share the creativity online. \$30 (Collins), DoBigSmallThings.com.

Bucket list: Osaka

Tokyo's sexier cousin Osaka is so worth building into your Japan plan. The nightlife, the amazing food, the shopping, the history — this tiny city of only 19 million practically vibrates. From the Osaka Castle with its huge moat to the Shin-to Sumiyoshi-taisha Shrine, you won't lack for ancient culture to soak up. Plan for spring to hit apple blossom time. Visit osaka-info.jp. DOUG WALLACE

Military salute, fan fest highlight busy weekend

MOOSEHEADS

Herd play host to Saguneens and Drakkar



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The Halifax Mooseheads have a busy weekend ahead.

The Herd host two games at the Scotiabank Centre, the first Friday evening against the Chicoutimi Saguneens and the second Saturday evening versus the Baie-Comeau Drakkar. The puck drops at 7 p.m. on both nights.

Friday night also marks the local QMJHL club's annual Department of National Defence Appreciation Night, which will feature the Mooseheads wearing "specially designed jerseys," some to be raffled off during the game and others to be auctioned off online.

All proceeds will go to the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Garden at Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, according to a Mooseheads news release.

"To date, the Mooseheads DND Appreciation games have raised more than \$100,000 to help better the lives of our veterans at Camp Hill," the news release said.

Canadian military mem-



The Mooseheads bring a record of 7-11-1-1 into this weekend. JEFF HARPER/METRO

bers and their families get discounted ticket prices of \$10 to Friday's game, Canadian Armed Forces dignitaries will help with the pre-game ceremonial puck drop and the Stadacona Band will perform the national anthem, the release said.

This year mark's the 12th annual DND Appreciation Night.

The Mooseheads will also

\$100K

According to the team, more than \$100,000 has been raised through the annual Department of National Defence Appreciation Night.

holds their first-ever fan fest this Sunday, which runs 2-4 p.m. at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

The family-friendly, free event will feature bouncy castles, balloon artists, carnival games, face painting, prizes and tons of fun, another Mooseheads news release said.

"This is a great opportunity

for fans to meet and interact with the Mooseheads players," the release said.

The Moose hope to improve upon their 7-11-1-1 record this weekend, which currently puts them at fifth and second-last place in the Maritimes Division, and 15th overall in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

IN BRIEF

Ex-NHL referee returning to Dartmouth for clinics

Former National Hockey League official Don Koharski is coming back to his hometown this weekend.

Koharski is stopping by the Hockey Nova Scotia offices on Mellor Avenue in Dartmouth to participate in a hot stove session, running 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday. The event kicks off Hockey Nova Scotia Development Weekend.

Koharski, who started his NHL career as a linesman in 1977, became a referee in 1980 and now works in the league as an officiating supervisor, will also host clinics Saturday at Shearwater Arena. Email gmacdonald@hockeynovascotia.ca if you're interested in attending. METRO

Huskies, Tigers hit the ice for women's hockey

The women are back on the ice but the men are taking a break this weekend in the city's Atlantic University Sport hockey action.

The Saint Mary's Huskies host the Mount Allison Mounties at 7 p.m. on Friday at Alumni Arena, while the Dalhousie Tigers travel to Antigonish to face off at 7 p.m. against the St. Francis Xavier X-Women.

The Huskies look to improve upon their 4-2-0 record, which currently puts them in second place, behind the leading St. Thomas Tommies, who have a 5-1-1 record.

The Tigers carry a record of 2-4-0. METRO



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IN BRIEF

Canadian women blanked by U.S. at Four Nations Cup

The Canadian women's hockey team fell 3-0 to the United States in the preliminary round of the Four Nations Cup on Thursday.

Monique Lamoureux and Megan Bozak scored in the second period and Kendall Coyne added an empty-net goal for the U.S. (2-0).

Canada (1-1) faces host Sweden (0-2) on Saturday in the annual women international tournament, while the U.S. faces Finland on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vegas to host men's world curling championship

The 2018 men's world curling championship will be held in Las Vegas.

The World Curling Federation chose the gambling and nightlife hotspot because of the success of the 2014 World Financial Group Continental Cup, which drew over 50,000 spectators to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. The Continental Cup returns to Las Vegas in January, 2016.

Sweden's Niklas Edin won the 2015 men's world title in Halifax. The championship heads to Basel, Switzerland, in 2016 and then to Canada to a city yet to be named in 2017.

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Federer upset by Isner

Roger Federer finally cracked under the unrelenting serve of John Isner, losing 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (5) to the American in the third round of the Paris Masters on Thursday.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion looked like he might grind out a win, saving all six break points and fighting back from 6-2 down in the decisive tie-breaker. But the Swiss star's resistance ended when Isner — who had 27 aces in the match — hit a looping serve to Federer's backhand on his next match point.

Earlier, Novak Djokovic advanced to the quarterfinals by beating 14th-seeded Gilles Simon 6-3, 7-5.

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Venus Williams advances to semis of Elite Trophy

Top-seeded Venus Williams rallied to beat Saisai Zheng of China, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 and advance to the semifinals of the WTA Elite Trophy on Thursday.

Williams hit six aces and saved two of four break points against Zheng, who entered the tournament on a wild-card berth.

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Case against Kane dropped

LAW

Investigation was 'rife with reasonable doubt'

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane can focus solely on his NHL career after avoiding criminal charges in a rape investigation, with prosecutors ending a bizarre three-month ordeal that put one of hockey's biggest stars at the centre of intense speculation and criticism.

Prosecutors announced Thursday they declined to file charges against Kane because of a lack of credible evidence in a case "rife with reasonable doubt." The accuser signed an affidavit saying she did not want to press charges, prosecutors said.

Roland Cercone, a lawyer for the 21-year-old woman who made the accusation, did not return messages seeking comment from The Associated Press. A person who answered the accuser's mother's cellphone hung up Thursday when contacted by The AP.

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita said a three-month investigation found that physical and forensic evidence "tend to contradict" the accuser's claim that she was raped on Aug. 2 at Kane's off-season home outside Buffalo.

"The DNA results lend no corroboration whatsoever to the complainant's claim," said Sedita, who decided against presenting the case to a grand



A 21-year-old woman accused Patrick Kane of raping her this past summer. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

jury for possible charges.

"I have repeatedly said that I did nothing wrong," Kane said in a statement issued by the Blackhawks. "I have respected the legal process and I am glad that this matter has now been closed and I will have nothing further to say going forward."

It's not immediately clear whether Kane could face disciplinary action from the National Hockey League. Deputy commissioner Bill Daly said

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Kane entered Thursday third in league scoring with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) in 13 games.

the league wouldn't comment until reviewing the prosecutor's findings.

At 26, Kane is one of the

NHL's top young stars and has won three Stanley Cup championships in Chicago over the past six years, including last season.

He had been in trouble before, too, arrested after an altercation with a cab driver in Buffalo in the summer of 2009. Photos of him partying are easily found online.

But the assault case brought by a woman he had met at a nightclub was by far the most

serious allegation Kane had faced.

The high-profile investigation led to Kane's removal from the cover of a popular NHL video game and fan chants of "She said no!" and "No means no!" during a couple of early road games.

"We knew all along that Patrick didn't do anything wrong," his agent, Pat Brisson, said in a text to The Associated Press.

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WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Canada turns back to Babcock

When the Colorado Avalanche fired Joel Quenneville in 2008, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock invited him to join his staff as an assistant.

While that didn't work out, Babcock and Quenneville will now be working together on Canada's World Cup of Hockey team. Babcock is back as the head coach after winning back-to-back Olympic gold, but not without the management group giving strong consideration to hiring Quenneville.

"It was a two-horse race for me," Canadian general manager Doug Armstrong said Thursday. "I wasn't torn on the final decision, but I thought we had to give Joel Quenneville the opportunity for us to discuss him.

You just can't get past three Stanley Cups in six years. What excites me is having both guys on the staff."

Babcock has never lost with Canada in international competition, winning gold at the 1997 world junior championships, 2004 world championships and then the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. Hockey Canada

president and CEO Tom Renney called Babcock's international excellence the "tipping point."

The current Toronto Maple Leafs coach also won the Stanley Cup with the Red Wings in 2008. Of course it was his coaching in Vancouver and Sochi that earned him another chance at the World Cup.

"I believe in hockey, I believe in the game, I believe in Canada, and I think it's important that we continue to do everything we can to stay on top and so I like being part of it," Babcock said.

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When they asked me, obviously I was thrilled.
Mike Babcock

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MLB

Royals exercise options on all-stars

The World Series champion Kansas City Royals have exercised their \$8-million option on all-star closer Wade Davis and a \$5.25-million option on all-star shortstop Alcides Escobar, while declining a \$3-million option on outfielder Jonny Gomes.

The moves Thursday came one day all-star outfielder Alex Gordon declined his \$13.75-million player option and the Royals declined options on outfielder Alex Rios and starting pitcher Jeremy Guthrie.

Davis took over as the closer when Greg Holland required Tommy John surgery late in the season. He wound up saving four games in the playoffs, and recorded the final out in the 12th inning of Game 5 against the New York Mets to wrap up the World Series.



Alcides Escobar GETTY IMAGES

Escobar, a Gold Glove finalist, was MVP of the AL Championship Series.

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CAMPAIGN

Phasing out Native American mascots

Adidas is offering to help high schools nationwide drop Native American mascots. The athletic shoe and apparel maker said Thursday it will provide free design resources to schools looking to shelve Native American mascots, nicknames, imagery or symbolism. The German company also pledged to provide financial support to ensure the cost of changing is not prohibitive.

Adidas announced the initiative in conjunction with the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Thursday in Washington. Adidas executives were among those attending the conference, which includes leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes.

The company also said it will be a founding member of a coalition that addresses Native American mascots in sports.

According to the group Change the Mascot, there are about 2,000 schools nationwide that have Native American mascots. The advocacy group says about a dozen schools have dropped Native mascots over the past two years and another 20 are considering a change.

Eric Liedtke, Adidas head of global brands said: "Our intention is to help break down any barriers to change — change that can lead to a more respectful and inclusive environment for all American athletes."

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CSA weighing up bid for 2026 men's World Cup

SOCCER

Contributing factor is success of this year's women's event

After successfully hosting two major women's soccer tournaments over the last couple of years, the Canadian Soccer Association is now giving serious consideration to bidding for the next FIFA World Cup.

"I think our next project as a country, and as a soccer country, would be the men's World Cup," Victor Montagliani, the CSA's president, told a news conference Thursday.

"We have hosted every other World Cup. We have been successful at every other one we have hosted. I think it's a natural progression for us to seriously look at bidding for the men's World Cup."

The CSA released figures Thursday showing the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup and 2014 U-20 Women's World Cup created a combined \$493.6 million in economic activity. That exceeded the preliminary projections of \$337 million made in February 2014.

The cost for the two tournaments was \$216 million. They generated \$249 million in net economic activity with \$97.6 million in tax revenues, the association said. Montagliani couldn't immediately say how much economic activity the tournaments generated individually.

"Rest assured the bulk of those numbers are reflected in the 2015 tournament," he said. "From a budgeting standpoint we always treated it as one project. That's the way FIFA likes to treat these things."

This year's women's World Cup was held between June 6 and July 5. The 24-team tournament played games in venues at Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Moncton, N.B.

A crowd of 53,341 watched the U.S. defeat Japan 5-2 in the final at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver. Overall the tournament's 52 games attracted 1,353,506 fans for an average



Canada's Christine Sinclair celebrates scoring in the World Cup quarter-final with England. The women's World Cup was more beneficial to the economy than was expected. BEN NELMS/GETTY IMAGES

“It's kind of expected it should come this way.”

CSA president Victor Montagliani on the 2026 World Cup

World Cup and the 2007 U-20 Men's World Cup. The 2018 World Cup is

scheduled for Russia and the 2022 competition in Qatar.

Montagliani said it's expected the 2026 World Cup would be awarded to the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean (CONCACAF), of which Canada is a member.

"It's kind of expected it should come this way," he said. "They usually award World Cups an average of eight years before." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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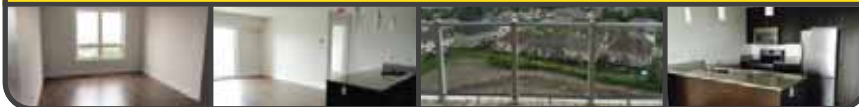


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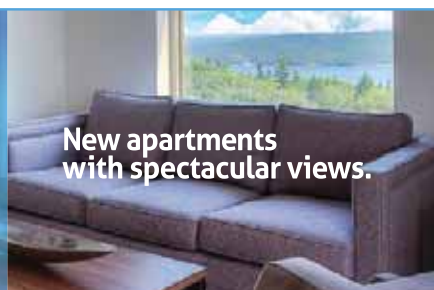
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THOMPSON, Merlyn



Age 74 of North Preston. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Brother, Grandfather on Sunday November 1, 2015 at Dartmouth General Hospital. Born on June 18, 1941 Halifax Nova Scotia, Merlyn was a son of the Late Alexander and Gladys (Willis) Thompson. Merlyn lived in Toronto, Ontario for much of his adult life. He was employed at

Mylex Limited, retiring in 1997. Merlyn was a member of Saint Thomas Baptist Church, he was a very sociable person, as well as fun loving, he brought laughter to everyone he came in contact with. He is survived by his wife Shenner Williams, Cherry Brook Rd. Daughters Roselie, Halifax, Ronial (Earl) Fraser, Grandchildren Shoney, Racquel, Halifax, Apollo, Toronto, Keauno, Armon, North Preston. 1 great grandchild. He is also survived by brothers; Judson (Rita) Toronto, John, Gary (Mary), Murray (Gladys) London Ont., Blair Dartmouth, Jason Toronto, Floyd. Sisters; Patricia (Albert), Rev. Linda (Pastor Terry) Smith, Mary, Sandra (Robert) Cain, Norma (Patrick) Gabriel, Bridgewater, Carol (Oats), Phyllis (Allen) Bridgewater, many nieces and nephews. Godchildren Audry Cain, Nicole Smith, Donna Willis and Marceline Willis. Predeceased by the Late Mary-Jean O'Conner, Alexander Jr. Etta Mae, and sister-in-law Mona. Visitation to be held 2-4 pm. then 7-9 pm. on Friday November 6, 2015. Funeral Service to be held on Saturday November 7, 2015 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Terry and Rev. Linda Smith officiating with Pastor Wallace Smith assisting. All will be held at Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street, Dartmouth. Burial to follow at Downey Rd. Cemetery North Preston. Donations may be made to Saint Thomas Baptist Church, North Preston. Online condolences may be made at www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com (Dartmouth Chapel) Thank you to the Nurses and Doctors on 4th. Floor ICU at Dartmouth General Hospital.

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VALLIS, Edwin George



Born August 30, 1926, in Coombs Cove, Newfoundland, Edwin was the son of Manuel Vallis and Blanche (Bartlett) Vallis. Growing up in Coombs Cove during the depression years, Edwin learned to fish and support the family along with sister Tryphena (Vallis) Smith and his bother Benjamin Vallis (deceased). As a citizen of Newfoundland, Edwin joined the Canadian Army in Halifax on July 4, 1945. He joined many thousands of Canadians who were sent to Vernon, British Columbia, for his basic infantry army training for overseas service. He completed his basic infantry training, but the Second World War came to an end before he was sent overseas.

After his discharge from the Canadian Army, Edwin worked with the Imperial Oil Company on its tanker fleet from 1950 to 1955. Between his seagoing voyages, he returned to Newfoundland and married the love of his life, Hannah Jane (Strowbridge) Vallis in 1951. Back at sea, he served as a fireman and oiler in the engine room onboard several Imperial Oil tankers that travelled around the world as part of the post-war reconstruction of Europe following the Second World War. Edwin later worked in the Goose Bay Strategic Air Command base as an apprentice painter where he acquired his qualification as a painter, the profession he worked at to perfection most of his life.

Together, Edwin and Hannah moved to Nova Scotia and settled in the Dartmouth in 1955. As a professional painter with Parker Brothers Inc., Edwin worked all over Atlantic Canada and was well known for his honesty and dedication to his profession and the fine work that he produced throughout his years. In 1965, Edwin and Hannah adopted a little boy and named him Derek Edwin. He is eternally grateful to be able to call them his parents and feels blessed to have had such wonderful life mentors.

Edwin was a faithful member and volunteer with Emanuel Anglican Church and was often busy painting and doing repair work for the congregation. He was surrounded by many friends and enjoyed spending time at the Newfoundland Club dances or having "a time" playing cards. Never happier than when he was in a boat fishing or cod jigging in Newfoundland, Edwin enjoyed camping and spending time with his family. Like most parents, he particularly enjoyed taking his son to 6 am hockey practices on weekends in the middle of winter!

Edwin was a soft-spoken man who was always very kind and generous. He was a good friend and welcome neighbour who gave his time and offered his skills selflessly to his family and friends. He quite literally would take the shirt off his back for those of his family and friends who were in need.

Always in a rush and on to the next job, his family and co-workers lovingly referred to him as the "roadrunner" and in the winter, "Frosty" because he would be the first one up and out to shovel everyone's driveway in his neighbourhood.

Edwin and Hannah were very proud of their only son, Derek Vallis, daughter-in-law, Beth (Cameron) Vallis and their three Grandsons, Cameron, Aaron and Christian. His Grandsons called him "Poppy" and they always looked forward to their many visits where they could play with Derek's old toys and where they might score some sweets (mostly lemon tarts) and cheesies that they couldn't find at home.

Visitation will be at the Atlantic Funeral Home, Main Street Dartmouth, Sunday, Nov 8 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Church Service will be at Christ Church, Ochterlonery Street, Dartmouth, Monday, Nov 9 at 11am, with a reception to follow in the church hall. Interment will be following the reception for those who wish to attend at the Dartmouth Memorial Gardens, Main Street, Dartmouth.

A very special thank you goes out to all the exceptional staff at the Ivy Meadows in Beavertown. Their dedication to Edwin's well-being and their compassion and kindness was simply overwhelming. He was truly in the arms of wonderful people and I am certain their loving care made his last difficult days much easier. I would hope that everyone could be as fortunate to have received such care from so many magnificent people. Thank you so very much. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Edwin's name to the Alzheimer's Society or a charity of choice. To leave an online condolence please visit www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com Dartmouth Chapel

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- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.
2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes (the meat will not be cooked through).
3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.
4. Transfer chicken pieces to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with our favourite sides.

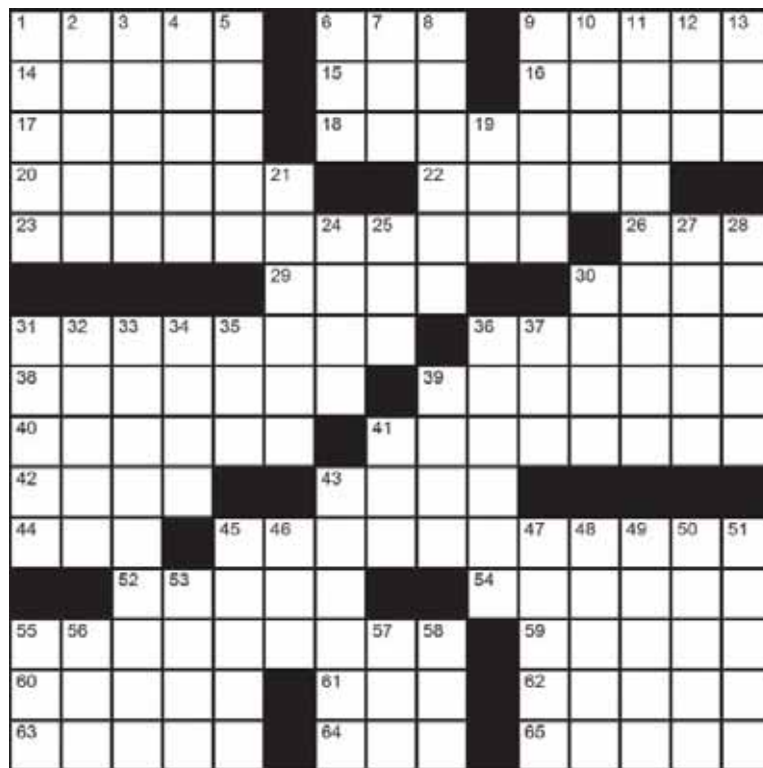
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ACROSS

1. Building's construction details, commonly
6. Initials-sharers of Jane Eyre's author
9. "... goes something like this..." (Singer's intro for the song)
14. _-eyed
15. Sales pro
16. Ms. Carter of country tunes
17. Amber, for example
18. Like the still-there pile that still hasn't been taken away
20. Zoroastrianism sacred texts
22. Still _ (Maya Angelou poem)
23. Senate of Canada... Creature which is one of the symbols on the coffered ceiling of The Red Chamber: 2 wds.
26. Rapsallion
29. Mistake-maker's reaction
30. Triad
31. Moustache-growing fundraising month
36. Fierce frowns
38. Ticklish music keys
39. Goopy/gravy fries order in Canada
40. : ...and : : :
41. Formally called forth
42. Tosses out
43. Celebrity
44. Sort of salute
45. Green-headed bird commemorated as a



- roadside attraction in the Village of Andrew in Alberta: 2 wds.
- Leisurely walk along
- Console
- One might require you to fast ahead of time: 2 wds.
- Insert

60. Trunk
61. "Hurray!"
62. Scoundrel's smile
63. Naomi of "King Kong" (2005)
64. Undercover agent
65. Dawdle

DOWN

1. Barnyard bedding
2. Vex
3. Art studio stand
4. Illusionist Mr. Angel
5. New Wave band's piano, for short
6. French vineyard

7. Mr. Stiller
8. Parsley amounts
9. _ Assistant (Office gig)
10. Modernists
11. Thunder Bay born member of downhill skiing's famous 'Crazy Canucks': 2 wds.
12. 'Serpent' suffix
13. Little bit
19. 'Ranch' suffix
21. Sun-dried bricks
24. Egg masses
25. Umbrella mo.
27. Last name of Kanga's creator
28. Modelled
30. L. Frank Baum dog
31. Super tiny
32. Egg-shaped
33. Lord _ (J.K. Rowling villain)
34. Cupid's Greek counterpart
35. Maximum opp.
36. Infomercial pioneer Suzanne
37. Magna _ laude
39. Athletic brand
41. "My Gal _" (1942)
43. Philadelphia players
45. Early platform for PCs
46. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
47. Bible-sounding verb
48. "Last Dance" singer Ms. Summer
49. Speak
50. Support the sport with a shout!
51. John _ , U.S. Secretary of State
53. Jacob van _ the Elder (Flemish painter)
55. "One more thing..." on the Web
56. Mauna _ (Hawaiian volcano)
57. Devitalize
58. Posh-style 'your'

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Push yourself forward and show the world what you are capable of. Today's Sun-Pluto link will make you more ambitious than usual, so any opportunities that come your way will be gratefully received, and used.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Others can wallow in self-pity but you will keep a positive attitude. If bad news arrives from out of the blue today stay focused on what needs to get done.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't keep your hopes and dreams to yourself. The more people understand what it is you are hoping to achieve the more likely it is you will get assistance from them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It may feel as if you have a mountain to climb, and maybe you have, but don't doubt that you will reach the top. You have what it takes to succeed and you have powerful people on your side. Use them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Look ahead and getting ready to meet the challenges that you know are coming your way. Plan your strategy in as much detail as possible.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't take anything too seriously and don't get angry with people who seem to think the world is coming to an end. There is a lot of hysteria at the moment, but you don't have to join in the stupidity.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone who can usually be counted on to support you with no questions asked will wonder aloud today if you know what you are doing. You do. Ask them why they no longer have faith in you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you push yourself beyond your usual limits you will find your second wind and overcome challenges with ease. You know what needs to be done and you can manage it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are acting suspiciously. Others think you have something to hide. Whatever your secret, they will find out sooner or later. Why not confess and get it over with?

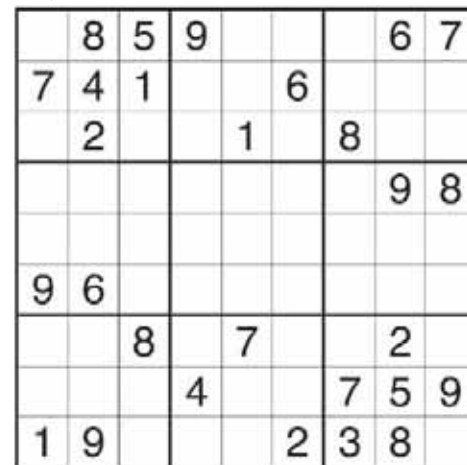
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Not everyone can be as confident and adventurous as you, so make allowances for those who don't want to follow your lead. A little caution might be a good thing. This is not a day to take too many risks.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Get yourself noticed. If you are a typical Aquarius you don't really care what other people think of you but it's in your interests now to at least look as if you do.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Money worries have caused you a lot of sleepless nights but it won't be long before your financial problems are solved. That is not an excuse to go on yet another spending binge.

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